

39 States That Hold Judicial Elections
Dec-14
RV = 801 Registered Voters, +/- 3.5% moe



Background Info

Main Prompt:

Today we would like to ask you a few questions about judicial elections. But before we get started, we need to give you some very brief background information. Judges in 39 states are elected, and candidates running to be a judge are allowed to receive campaign contributions from individuals, attorneys, businesses and special interest groups. Now for a few questions.

Q1 Confidence Question

Main Prompt:

In some states, candidates running for judge can personally ask for contributions by mail or email, over the phone, or face to face. In other states, candidates running for judge create a committee, and only the committee can ask for contributions, not the candidate themselves.

How would it impact your confidence in courts if candidates for judge could ask for contributions personally, instead of having to rely on a committee? Would it lower your confidence a great deal, lower it a little, have no change, increase your confidence a little, or increase your confidence a great deal?

Prompt	RV
Lower your confidence a great deal	51
Lower your confidence a little	13
No change in confidence	27
Raise your confidence a little	3
Raise your confidence a great deal	3
Not Sure	4
Total Lower Confidence	63
Total Raise Confidence	6

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Q2 Race

Main Prompt:
And what is your main race?

	Prompt	RV
*	White or caucasian	69
*	Black or African American	11
	Hispanic or latino, Mexican American or chicano	10
*	Asian	2
*	American indian or Alaska native	1
*	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific islander	0
*	Some other race	2
*	Member of more than one race	1
	Not sure or would rather not say	3
*	<i>Follow-up Prompt:</i> And are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origion or descent?	
	Prompt	RV
	Hispanic in Q2 + Followup yes	13

Q3 Age

Main Prompt:
Can you tell me how old you are?

	Prompt	RV
	If you are between the ages of 18-29	9
	If you are between the ages of 30-39	17
	If you are between the ages of 40-49	32
	If you are between the ages of 50-64	32
	If you are 65 years of older	17
	If you would rather not say	3

Q4 Gender

Main Prompt:
Can you tell me whether you are a male or a female?

	Prompt	RV
	If you are a male	46
	If you are a female	52
	If you would rather not say	2

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Q5

Party

Main Prompt:

Do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, or an Independent?

Prompt

	RV
If you are a Democrat	38
If you are a Republican	38
If you are an Independent	19
If you are a member of some other party	2
If you are not sure	3

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Region of the Country

Coded from Sample

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	RV
Northeast	12
Midwest	29
South	34
West	25